

**SELF-EXPANDING STENT AND STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM
FOR TREATMENT OF VASCULAR DISEASE**

Abstract

5 An integrated balloon catheter and self-expanding stent, and stent delivery system
are provided for treating vascular diseases such as partially occluded blood vessels within
the brain. The self-expanding stent is preferably mounted on an elongated core wire, is
disposed within a delivery lumen of a balloon catheter and is held in a compressed state
onto the elongated core wire by a pair of actuatable retaining rings. When the stent is
10 properly positioned with a vessel, the actuatable retaining rings are activated to release
the compressed stent to thereby permit the stent to expand within the vessel.